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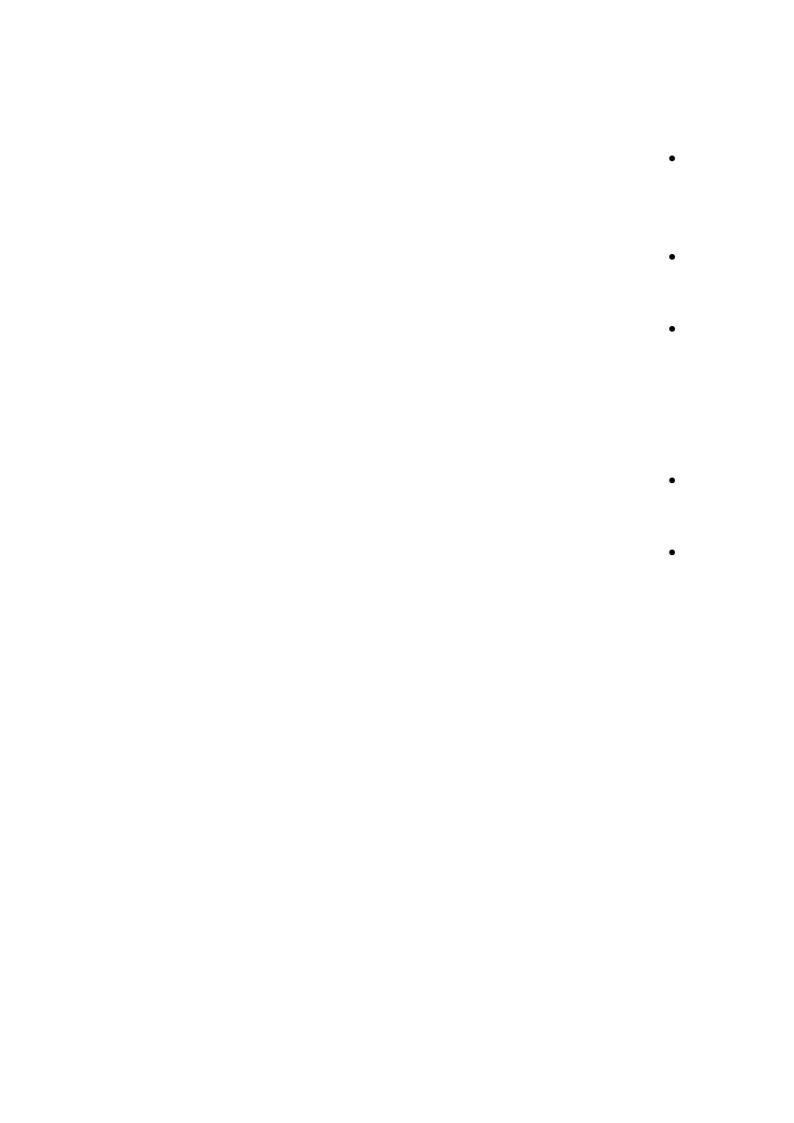
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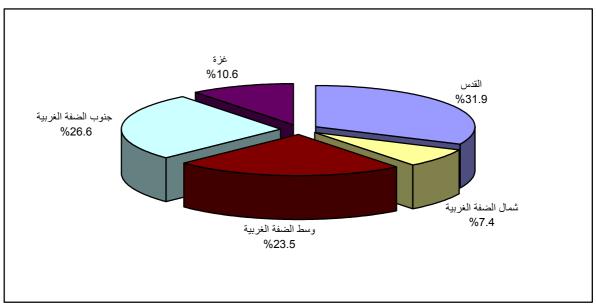
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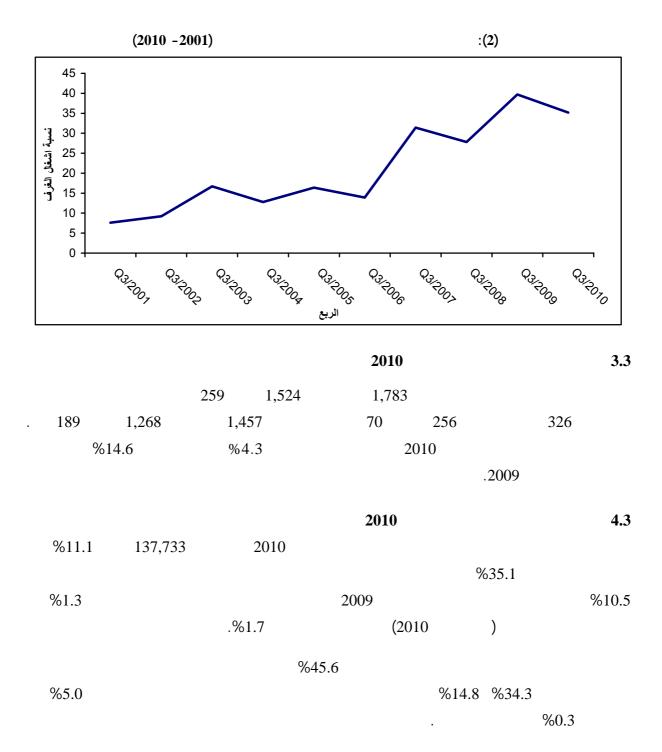
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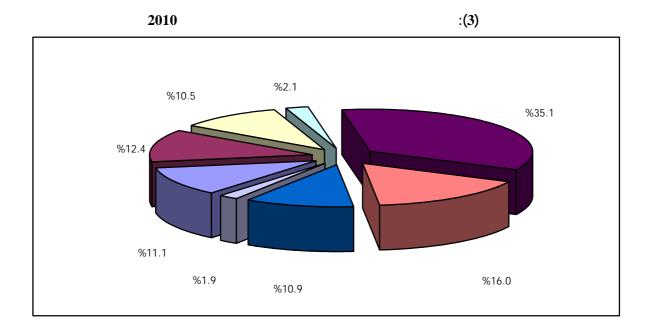
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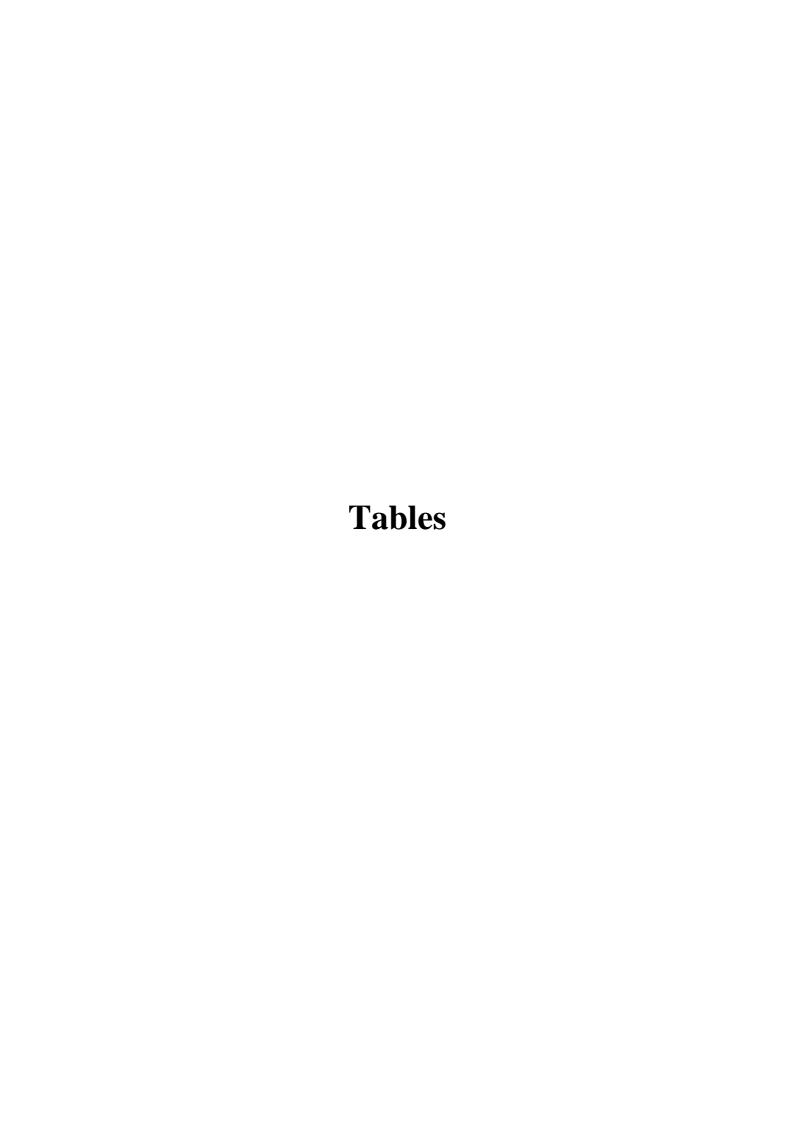
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Table 1: Main Indicators for Hotel Activities by Month and Region During the Third Quarter, 2010

Region	Month	Bed C	Occupancy	Room O	ccupancy		No of			No of	
rtegion	Month	%	Average	%	Average	No. of Nights	No. of Guests	No. of Beds	No. of Rooms	No. of Hotels	
Palestinian Territory *		32.1	3,309.8	35.2	1,700.1	304,504	137,733	10,327	4,833		*
All Regions	July	31.3	3,257.8	37.4	1,814.8	100,992	45,725	10,392	4,853	97	
	August	31.8	3,286.6	34.9	1,688.9	101,884	46,245	10,337	4,836	95	
	September	33.0	3,387.6	33.1	1,593.0	101,628	45,763	10,252	4,811	94	
North of West Bank	July	39.1	141.9	41.4	68.7	4,398	3,311	363	166	7	
	August	17.2	62.8	20.9	34.7	1,946	1,390	364	166	7	
	September	25.5	92.7	26.5	43.9	2,780	2,209	364	166	7	
Middle of West Bank	July	28.6	623.6	51.8	507.6	19,333	7,958	2,178	980	25	
	August	26.8	565.6	37.0	352.1	17,535	6,245	2,110	952	23	
	September	24.2	488.8	36.7	335.0	14,665	6,205	2,021	913	22	
Jerusalem	July	43.7	1,385.3	68.1	998.4	42,943	20,123	3,170	1,467	30	
	August	47.8	1,526.8	71.1	1,042.8	47,332	23,709	3,195	1,467	30	
	September	39.7	1,267.8	61.3	898.6	38,033	19,038	3,195	1,467	30	
South of West Bank	July	27.1	1,089.1	12.2	229.0	33,761	14,175	4,025	1,872	25	
	August	27.8	1,120.9	13.4	250.0	34,749	14,773	4,025	1,872	25	
	September	38.0	1,530.1	16.2	305.8	45,902	18,190	4,025	1,882	25	
Gaza Strip	July	2.7	18.0	3.0	11.1	557	158	656	368	10	
	August	1.6	10.4	2.4	9.3	322	128	643	379	10	
	September	1.3	8.3	2.5	9.7	248	121	647	383	10	

^{*}Represents the quarter average except number of guests and number of guest nights which represent the total for the quarter.

:2 Table 2: Number of Hotels and Rooms by Facilities and Region as of September, 2010

	Facilities										
Region	Internet	Telephone	Air Conditioning	Heating	Refrigerator	T.V	Radio	Private Bathroom	No. of Rooms	No. of Hotels	
Palestinian Territory	2,458	4,490	4,270	4,372	3,360	4,276	1,053	4,654	4,811	94	
North of West Bank	118	129	149	149	149	149	0	149	166	7	
Middle of West Bank	775	861	891	883	734	858	0	898	913	22	
Jerusalem	509	1,391	1,321	1,398	1,077	1,245	1,028	1,421	1,467	30	
South of West Bank	862	1,810	1,654	1,859	1,149	1,751	0	1,872	1,882	25	
Gaza Strip	194	299	255	83	251	273	25	314	383	10	

\$2010\$:3 Table 3: Number of Hotels by Availability of Public Services and Region as of September, 2010

	Public S	Services											
Region	Other	Room Services	Shops	Laundry	Photoc- opying	Cofeshop	Typing	Bar	Internet	Fax	Puplic Telephone	No. of Operating Hotels	
Palestinian Territory	21	79	17	56	85	55	77	55	70	80	19	94	
North of West bank	1	7	1	4	5	4	4	0	3	5	1	7	
Middle of West bank	18	22	3	13	21	14	16	8	18	20	3	22	
Jerusalem	0	23	1	19	27	22	27	20	21	30	1	30	
South of West bank	2	25	7	16	24	14	22	19	25	25	6	25	
Gaza Strip	0	2	5	4	8	1	8	8	3	0	8	10	,

\$2010\$:4 Table 4: Average Number of Workers in Hotels by Type of Work, Sex and Region During the Third Quarter, 2010

	Total			Operation	n		Administr	ation		*	
Region	Total	Females	Males	Total	Females	Males	Total	Females	Males	No. of Hotels*	
Palestinian Territory	1,783	259	1,524	1,457	189	1,268	326	70	256	94	
North of West Bank	66	10	56	42	6	36	24	4	20	7	
Middle of West Bank	484	49	435	398	33	365	86	16	70	22	
Jerusalem	584	82	502	476	56	420	108	26	82	30	
South of West Bank	496	109	387	426	90	336	70	19	51	25	
Gaza Strip	153	9	144	115	4	111	38	5	33	10	

^{*} As in September, 2010 * 2010

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Table 5: Number and Percentage of Guests by Nationality and Region During the Third Quarter, 2010

		Nationa	lity										
Region	Month	U.S.A 8	& Canada	,	Asia	l:	srael	Arab	Countries	Pa	lestine	No. of	
		%	2 Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	Hotels	
Palestinian Territory		10.5	14,471	10.9	15,059	12.4	17,141	0.2	326	11.1	15,255		
All Regions	July	10.2	4,709	8.0	3,672	12.1	5,512	0.3	120	13.8	6,314	97	
	August	12.2	5,716	10.9	5,026	12.8	5,901	0.1	60	10.1	4,694	95	
	September	8.8	4,046	13.9	6,361	12.5	5,728	0.3	146	9.3	4,248	94	
North of West Bank	July	2.7	88	0.4	12	67.8	2,248	0.5	16	23.5	777	7	
	August	1.8	25	0.3	4	59.0	820	0.5	7	26.6	370	7	
	September	1.0	22	0.2	5	66.0	1,457	0.4	9	27.2	601	7	
Middle of West Bank	July	4.6	363	5.2	416	23.7	1,884	1.1	85	49.7	3,957	25	
	August	4.2	265	4.6	283	33.0	2,058	0.7	44	38.4	2,400	23	
	September	6.9	429	7.7	479	31.9	1,979	0.9	56	30.2	1,875	22	
Jerusalem	July	20.1	4,036	8.4	1,685	3.7	752	0.0	0	0.0	0	30	
	August	20.6	4,892	4.2	998	7.5	1,790	0.0	0	0.0	0	30	
	September	16.1	3,073	10.1	1,915	5.5	1,048	0.0	0	0.0	0	30	
South of West Bank	July	1.6	222	11.0	1,559	4.4	628	0.0	7	10.6	1,501	25	
	August	3.3	490	25.3	3,741	8.3	1,233	0.0	3	12.7	1,872	25	
	September	2.9	522	21.8	3,962	6.8	1,244	0.3	59	9.6	1,746	25	
Gaza Strip	July	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	7.7	12	50.0	79	10	
	August	34.0	44	0.0	0	0.0	0	4.3	6	40.4	52	10	
	September	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	18.0	22	21.2	26	10	

:() 5 Table 5 (Cont.): Number and Percentage of Guests by Nationality and Region During the Third Quarter, 2010

				Natio	nality										
Region	Month		Total		stralia & wzeland	Af	rica		European untries	Europ	ean Union		ral & America		
		%	Number	%	العدد Number	%	Number	%	Number Number	%	Number العدد	%	Numb er		
Palestinian Territory		100	137,733	0.3	390	2.1	2,862	16.0	22,055	35.1	48,135	1.4	2,040		
All Regions	July	100	45,725	0.1	34	1.5	679	21.2	9,688	31.6	14,427	1.2	570		
	August	100	46,245	0.6	262	2.3	961	11.7	5,433	37.2	17,203	2.1	990		
	September	100	45,763	0.2	94	2.8	1,222	15.1	6,934	36.1	16,504	1.0	480		
North of West Bank	July	100	3,311	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	5.0	166	0.1	4		
	August	100	1,390	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	11.5	160	0.3	4		
	September	100	2,209	0.0	1	0.0	0	0.0	0	5.2	114	0.0	0		
Middle of West Bank	July	100	7,958	0.1	10	0.0	1	3.3	264	12.0	958	0.3	20		
	August	100	6,245	0.1	7	0.0	0	7.5	469	10.8	674	0.7	45		
	September	100	6,205	0.1	7	0.0	0	13.0	807	9.0	557	0.3	16		
Jerusalem	July	100	20,123	0.1	23	3.3	656	19.5	3,935	43.6	8,784	1.3	252		
	August	100	23,709	1.0	246	3.5	824	15.6	3,674	44.8	10,626	2.8	659		
	September	100	19,038	0.5	86	4.0	763	18.9	3,597	43.5	8,291	1.4	265		
South of West Bank	July	100	14,175	0.0	1	0.2	22	38.7	5,489	31.9	4,519	1.6	227		
	August	100	14,773	0.1	9	0.9	137	8.8	1,290	38.7	5,716	1.9	282		
	September	100	18,190	0.0	0	2.5	459	13.9	2,530	41.1	7,469	1.1	199		
Gaza Strip	July	100	158	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	42.0	67		
	August	100	128	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	21.3	27	0.0	0		
	September	100	121	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	60.6	73	0.0	0		

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Table 6: Number and Percentage of Guest Nights by Nationality and Region During the Third Quarter, 2010

		Nationa	ality										
Region	Month	U.S.A	& Canada	A	∖sia	ls	srael	Arab C	ountries	Pal	estine	No. of	
		%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Numb er	%	Number	Hotels	
Palestinian Territory		11.2	33,997	12.1	36,803	10.1	30,887	0.6	1,686	10.4	31,699		
All Region	July	12.0	12,163	13.0	13,153	9.6	9,677	0.5	520	12.1	12,269	97	
	August	12.0	12,254	10.0	10,234	11.3	11,490	0.5	557	10.8	11,048	95	
	September	9.4	9,580	13.2	13,416	9.6	9,720	0.6	609	8.2	8,382	94	
North of West Bank	July	4.1	179	1.1	50	54.3	2,386	1.6	70	29.5	1,298	7	
	August	2.0	39	2.0	38	46.8	911	1.0	19	34.7	676	7	
	September	1.4	39	0.3	8	57.0	1,585	8.0	21	33.1	920	7	
Middle of West Bank	July	9.0	1,735	7.1	1,366	22.2	4,291	2.1	412	40.8	7,879	25	
	August	7.3	1,272	5.4	946	27.7	4,862	2.8	496	38.6	6,775	23	
	September	11.3	1,651	8.8	1,296	25.1	3,680	2.7	391	30.2	4,423	22	
Jerusalem	July	22.4	9,631	8.6	3,674	3.4	1,477	0.0	0	0.0	0	30	
	August	21.1	10,003	4.9	2,305	6.1	2,865	0.0	0	0.0	0	30	
	September	17.5	6,673	9.2	3,485	4.9	1,873	0.0	0	0.0	0	30	
South of West Bank	July	1.8	618	23.9	8,063	4.5	1,523	0.0	15	8.4	2,842	25	
	August	2.4	846	20.0	6,945	8.2	2,852	0.1	30	9.9	3,439	25	
	September	2.7	1,217	18.8	8,627	5.6	2,582	0.4	167	6.4	2,930	25	
Gaza Strip	July	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	4.1	23	44.9	250	10	
	August	29.1	94	0.0	0	0.0	0	3.6	12	49.1	158	10	
	September	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	12	30	44.0	109	10	

:() 6 Table 6 (Cont.): Number and Percentage of Guest Nights by Nationality and Region During the Third Quarter, 2010

				Natio	nality								الجنسية		
Region	Month	•	Total		ustralia vZeland	Afri	ca		European untries	Europe	ean Union		I & South nerica	الشهر	
		%	Number	%	Number	%	Numb er	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number		
Palestinian Territory		100	304,504	0.4	1,070	1.8	6,079	14.3	43,430	37.1	112,712	2.0	6,142		
All Regions	July	100	100,992	0.1	141	1.4	1,651	15.6	15,731	33.8	33,803	1.9	1,884		
	August	100	101,884	0.6	608	1.7	1,858	12.2	12,412	37.9	38,414	3.0	3,010		
	September	100	101,628	0.3	321	2.5	2,570	15.0	15,287	40.0	40,495	1.2	1,248		
North of West Bank	July	100	4,398	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	8.8	389	0.6	26		
	August	100	1,946	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	13.1	256	0.4	7		
	September	100	2,780	0.1	3	0.0	0	0.0	0	7.3	204	0.0	0		
Middle of West Bank	July	100	19,333	0.4	83	0.1	19	2.5	481	15.2	2,947	0.6	120		
	August	100	17,535	0.5	83	0.1	22	4.5	782	12.4	2,167	0.7	130		
	September	100	14,665	0.6	82	0.0	0	8.0	1,178	12.7	1,871	0.6	93		
Jerusalem	July	100	42,943	0.1	57	3.7	1,588	20.0	8,585	40.1	17,190	1.7	741		
	August	100	47,332	1.0	489	3.4	1,607	15.2	7,211	45.0	21,313	3.3	1,539		
	September	100	38,033	0.6	236	5.0	1,908	19.2	7,288	41.9	15,914	1.7	656		
South of West Bank	July	100	33,761	0.0	1	0.1	44	19.7	6,665	39.5	13,277	2.1	713		
	August	100	34,749	0.1	36	0.7	229	12.7	4,419	42.1	14,619	3.8	1,334		
	September	100	45,902	0.0	0	1.4	662	14.9	6,821	48.7	22,397	1.1	499		
Gaza Strip	July	100	557	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	51.0	284		
	August	100	322	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	18.2	59	0.0	0		
	September	100	248	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	44.0	109	0.0	0		

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Table 7: Average Length of Stay for the Guests in Hotels (Nights/Guest) by Region and Nationality During the Third Quarter, 2010

		Nationality						
Region	Month	U.S.A & Canada	Asia	Israel	Arab Countries	Palestine	No. of Hotels	
Palestinian Territory		2.3	2.4	1.8	5.5	2.1		
All Regions	July	2.6	3.6	1.8	4.4	2.0	97	
	August	2.1	2.0	1.9	10.1	2.4	95	
	September	2.4	2.1	1.7	4.6	2.0	94	
North of West Bank	July	2.0	4.2	1.1	4.4	1.7	7	
	August	1.6	9.5	1.1	2.7	1.8	7	
	September	1.8	1.6	1.1	2.3	1.5	7	
Middle of West Bank	July	4.8	3.3	2.3	4.8	2.0	25	
	August	4.8	3.3	2.4	11.3	2.8	23	
	September	3.8	2.7	1.9	7.0	2.4	22	
Jerusalem	July	2.4	2.2	2.0	0.0	0.0	30	
	August	2.0	2.3	1.6	0.0	0.0	30	
	September	2.2	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0	30	
South of West Bank	July	2.8	5.2	2.4	2.1	1.9	25	
	August	1.7	1.9	2.3	10.0	1.8	25	
	September	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.8	1.7	25	
Gaza Strip	July	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	4.4	10	
	August	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	4.3	10	
	September	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	4.4	10	

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Table 7 (Cont.): Average Length of Stay for the Guests in Hotels (Nights/Guest) by Region and Nationality During the Third Quarter, 2010

	Month		Nationality					
Region		Total	Australia & New Zeland	Africa	Other European Count.	European Union	Central & South America	
Palestinian Territory		2.2	2.7	2.1	2.0	2.3	3.0	
All Regions	July	2.2	3.8	2.4	1.6	2.3	3.2	
	August	2.2	2.3	1.9	2.3	2.2	3.0	
	September	2.2	3.4	2.1	2.2	2.5	2.6	
North of West Bank	July	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	6.5	
	August	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	1.8	
	September	1.3	3.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.0	
Middle of West Bank	July	2.4	8.3	19.0	1.8	3.1	6.0	
	August	2.8	11.9	0.0	1.7	3.2	2.9	
	September	2.4	11.7	0.0	1.5	3.4	5.8	
Jerusalem	July	2.1	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.0	2.9	
	August	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.3	
	September	2.0	2.7	2.5	2.0	1.9	2.5	
South of West Bank	July	2.4	1.0	2.0	1.2	2.9	3.1	
	August	2.4	4.0	1.7	3.4	2.6	4.7	
	September	2.5	0.0	1.4	2.7	3.0	2.5	
Gaza Strip	July	3.5	1.6	0.0	0.0	3.2	0.0	
	August	2.5	2.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	2.0	
	September	2.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	2.0	



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Preface

The Palestinian tourism sector has great potential and is expected to occupy a large share of the Palestinian GDP once the tourist resources are well exploited. Tourism activities are, however, crippled by a multiplicity of internal and external factors, which are not enabling this important economic activity to flourish.

PCBS has implemented several surveys to cover the supply and demand sides of tourism, including the Hotel Activity survey in the Palestinian Territory (a continuous and permanent survey since 1996), a survey of Tourism Activities 2002, 2007 and 2009, and the Domestic Tourism survey for the years 1998, 2005, 2006, 2008 and 2009. In addition, PCBS has implemented additional related surveys including the survey of Outbound Tourism in 2004, a survey of Inbound Tourism in 2005, a survey of Inbound Visitors in 2009 and a survey of Hotel Guests in 2008, 2009. These statistical activities cover an important aspect of tourist-related statistics and are important to build the necessary database to establish the Tourism Satellite Accounts (TSA) in the Palestinian Territory.

This report addresses the main indicators of the hotel industry. These indicators include the number of operating hotels, number of rooms and beds, public facilities in the surveyed hotels, number of employed persons in hotels, number of guest nights in the reference period, number of guests by nationality and rates of bed and room occupancy.

PCBS is pleased to present the Third quarter of the year 2010 on "Hotel Activities in the Palestinian Territory" as an important statistical reference on hotel activities. PCBS hopes that this bulletin will pave the way for developing a comprehensive tourist program to meet users needs and international standards.

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Executive Summary

The main findings of the Hotel Activities Survey during the third quarter of 2010 are as follows:

- There were 94 operating hotels in September 2010, offering 4,811 rooms with 10,252 total available beds.
- The average occupancy of rooms in the Palestinian hotels was 1,700.1.
- The percentage of rooms occupancy was 35.2%; and it increased by 2.6% compared with the previous quarter.
- The average number of workers in the hotels was 1,783 of whom 259 were females.
- The total number of guests in the Palestinian hotels was 137,733 persons of whom 11.1% were Palestinian guests and 35.1% were from the European Union countries.
- The number of guests showed a decrease of 1.7% compared with the previous quarter.
- The total number of guest nights was 304,504. The number reflects a decreasing by 4.6% during the third quarter 2010 compared with the previous quarter, and 2.0% compared with the corresponding quarter in the year 2009.
- Most of the guests nights were in Jerusalem and the south of the West Bank, representing 42.1% of the guests were in Jerusalem, whereas 37.6% of the total guests in the south of the West Bank hotels.
- The average length of stay in Palestinian hotels was 2.2 nights per guest during the third quarter 2010.

Chapter One

Introduction

Tourism is considered a cornerstone of the Palestinian economy and there are many attractive touristic resorts for people of different interests. PCBS began to collect statistical data on tourism and monitor hotel activities through a continuous and comprehensive monthly survey since 1996. in accordance with the recommendations of the World Tourism Organization and European Union. The survey aimes to produce a comprehensive database and time series of basic indicators on the hotel industry to enable the development and promotion of the tourism industry in the Palestinian Territory.

A quarterly report is regularly produced in addition to annual consolidated report. This publication presents data on hotels for the first quarter 2010; and results indicate an improvement in most indicators compared with the corresponding quarter since 2001, while it reflects a decrease in most indicators compared with the fourth quarter 2009.

Chapter Two

Concepts and Definitions

This section presents the main concepts and definitions used to derive the main indicators of tourism statistics. These concepts and definitions are based on international recommendations in the field of tourism statistics, and are applied to the rest of the common subjects in the PCBS. The main concepts and definitions mentioned in this report were as follows:

Hotel:

It is defined as an accommodation establishment providing overnight lodging for the visitors in a room or unit. It should hold a number of persons exceeding that of an average single family. The establishment must be under one management, and provides various facilities and services to visitors.

Operating Hotels:

It is defined as the hotels that included in the sample frame and results, exluding the non operating hotels that are carrying out repairs or maintenance, and the hotels which didn't respond to the survey.

Number of Rooms:

It refers to the furnished rooms for the use of guests. Such rooms might be single, double, triple, or quadruple. Rooms involving more than four beds were classified under (others) in the questionnaire. As for the suite, it is usually comprised of one bedroom or more, a living room and private toilet facilities.

Available Beds and Rooms:

It refers to beds and rooms which are ready for use during the reference period. Rooms closed for maintenance or repairs are excluded.

Guests:

It refers to visitors staying in the hotels and using their facilities. Records of new guests are based on the number of visits regardless whether it's the same person or different.

Number of Guest Nights (Bed Occupancy):

Number of beds booked for hotel guests. Such beds are considered as occupied whether they were actually used or not. It is measured by guest night unit.

Room Occupancy:

Number of booked and paid rooms. Such rooms are considered occupied whether they were actually used or not.

Average (rooms, beds) Occupancy:

It is defined as the total number of occupied (rooms, beds) divided by the number of days.

Percentage of (rooms, beds) Occupancy:

It is defined as the average of (rooms, beds) occupancy divided by available (rooms, beds) multiplied by one hundred.

Average Length of Stay:

Represents the total of guest nights by nationality divided by number of guests of the same nationality.

North of West Bank Region:

Jenin, Tulkarm, Nablus, Qalqiliya, Salfit and Tubas governorates.

Middle of West Bank Region:

Ramallah and Al-Bireh, Jericho and Al-Aghwar governorates.

Jerusalem Region:

Jerusalem governorate.

South of West Bank Region:

Bethlehem and Hebron governorates.

Gaza Strip:

North Gaza, Gaza, Deir Al-Balah, Khan Yunis and Rafah governorates.

Chapter Three

Main Findings

The main findings of the Hotel Activities Survey during the first quarter of 2010, show that there were 95 operating hotels in March 2010 offering 4,898 rooms with 10,520 total available beds.

3.1 Hotel Capacity during March, 2010

The operating hotels within the Palestinian Territory in the first quarter 2010 were distributed as follows:

- North of West Bank: 7 hotels including 166 rooms comprising 363 beds.
- Middle of West Bank: 25 hotels including 1,062 rooms comprising 2,369 beds.
- Jerusalem Region: 30 hotels including 1,467 rooms comprising 3,195 beds.
- South of West Bank: 25 hotels including 1,882 rooms comprising 4,057 beds.
- Gaza Strip: 8 hotels including 321 rooms comprising 536 beds.

3.2 Room Occupancy during the First Quarter, 2010

The average occupancy of rooms in the Palestinian hotels was 1,554.1 representing 31.0% from the available rooms.

3.3 Hotel Workers during the First Quarter, 2010

The average number of workers in the hotels was 1,802 of whom 1,548 were males and 254 were females. The number of workers in hotel's administration was 327 of whom 264 were males and 63 were females. There were 1,475 workers in hotels services of whom 1,284 were males and 191 were females.

3.4 Guests and Nights Occupancy during the First Quarter, 2010

The total number of guests in the Palestinian hotels was 124,205 persons of whom 8.8% were Palestinian guests, and 37.1% were from the European Union countries. The number of guests showed an increase of 79.1% compared with the same quarter of the year 2009.

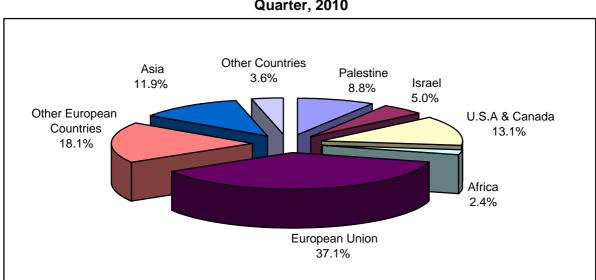


Figure (1): Percentage Distribution of Guests by Nationality During the First Quarter, 2010

The total number of guest nights in Palestinian hotels during the first quarter 2010 was 285,879 of which: 8.9% of these nights were occupied by Palestinian guests, 38.5% by guests from European Union countries, and 12.7% by guests from the United States and Canada.

The guest nights distributed according to region are as follows: guests spent 41.0% of total nights in Jerusalem hotels, and 17.9%, 39.7%, and 1.3% in Middle, South, and North of the West Bank, respectively; while 0.1% of nights in Gaza Strip hotels.

The table below presents the main results of the first quarter of 2010, and explains the changes that occurred in the main indicators for Palestinian hotels activities compared with the previous quarter and with the results of the first quarter of 2009.

Percentage Change in the Variables During the First Quarter 2010, Compared with the Fourth and First Quarter 2009

	Value During the	Percentage change (%) comparing with			
The Indicator	1 st Quarter 2010	4 th Quarter 2009	1 st Quarter 2009		
Number of operating hotels	95	-2.1	26.7		
Average number of workers	1,802	9.3	33.9		
Number of guests	124,205	-12.8	79.0		
Number of guest nights	285,879	-8.3	70.0		
Average occupancy of rooms	1,554.1	-13.2	63.3		
Average occupancy of beds	3,176.4	-6.2	73.8		
Rooms occupancy %	31.0	-15.4	30.4		
Beds occupancy %	29.7	-5.4	36.9		